

It's budget time! And problems appear on scene

★ ★ ★ Regents approve housing

Response to a questionnaire on student housing, administered by Student Services at Southern last semester, has set wheels in motion, bringing adequate student housing closer to reality.

To the question pertaining to the possibility of low-cost housing developments constructed on or near campus, 95 of the 304 students responding said they would be in favor of an efficiency apartment with kitchenette.

"Students interested in the standard dorm room," said Doug Carnahan, director of housing, "are notoriously low. People want something more flexible. In their present rooms, they can't even move furniture around."

Those interested in having the college build standard dorms ranked lowest of possible responses with 28. Two-room apartments proved popular, with 77 responses. Fifty-nine students expressed a desire to live in college-owned one-room apartments, which the office calculated would cost about \$120 monthly.

"We wanted something as close to the regular dorm costs as we could. Otherwise, building is of no use to us," said Dr. Glenn Dolence, dean of student services.

When it was evident that an efficiency apartment was the popular choice, Carnahan and Dolence submitted tentative plans for such to Dr. Floyd Belk, interim president and vice president for academic affairs.

The plans called for two-room apartments, housing two occupants, with a recreation area, laundry facilities and storm shelter available.

After some alterations made by Belk, the plans were given to architect William Cornwell. The architect was on campus last week to discuss changes needed to suit future additions.

"His ideas were good," said Belk, "but they just weren't what we needed." We gave him some alternate plans and told him we wanted to hear from him as soon as possible.

According to Carnahan, time is of an essence, since present trailers housing 24 honor students need to be replaced.

"Those things were here when the college opened in 1967 and they were by no means permanent," he said.

Adds Dolence, "What was originally meant for use by the athletic department is still there. We're not sure how much longer we can keep them up."

Cornwell is now putting the finishing touches on plans calling for three two-story apartment buildings housing 32 in each unit. The individual apartments have three rooms, with kitchen appliances to be installed later.

"We are anticipating a lot of flex-

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Tuition likely to be raised as result; new field house requested by college

BY CLARK SWANSON
Editor-in-Chief

In his budget recommendations to the Missouri State Legislature, Governor Joe Teasdale trimmed \$600,000 from Missouri Southern's 1980 fiscal year budget. While Missouri Southern had asked for \$7,845,838 the governor only recommended \$7,265,983 for the college.

But while the Governor was trimming the budget, college officials, in a rather surprising move, asked the State Legislature for money to construct a new three million dollar field

house. However, Missouri Southern students will be faced with the problem of rising tuition fees and possibly a reconstruction of the scholarship system.

"THOSE FIGURES can be misleading," said Dr. Paul Shipman, interim executive vice-president. "The important figure is the amount of general revenue money that we will be receiving from the state."

General revenue money is that funding state institutions receive from the state to fund their budgets. For

fiscal 1980 Missouri Southern had asked for \$6,802,293 in general revenue money from the state. However, the Governor only recommended that Missouri Southern be appropriated \$6,201,735. What a state institution does not receive in general revenue money, it must make in local income.

"We are only getting a four percent increase from last year in general revenue money," said Shipman. "But the governor has requested a five and a half percent pay increase for state employees. That has put us between a rock and a hard place, with only a four percent increase and a pay raise of five and a half percent."

★ ★ ★ Ecumenical movement now at campus standstill

For now, the ecumenical movement at Missouri Southern is at a standstill.

In June, 1978, an Ecumenical Campus Ministry board, consisting of representatives from the Christian Church/Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian, Methodist and Catholic churches met to hear the Methodist faction declare they were breaking away from the movement to form a Wesleyan Foundation of their own.

The split left five different groups, according to Graham Riggs, former director of ECM, consisting of a Newman Community for Catholics, Wesleyan Foundation for Methodists, United Campus Christian Fellowship for Disciples of Christ and Presbyterians and a Lutheran faction yet to be formed.

BESIDES SEPARATING the groups, the reorganization also divided the budget for activities in the center, decreasing the amount available. Because of the different interests, the offices of secretary and campus director were abolished, leaving each group to provide their own help.

The bugs aren't worked out yet. Said Frances Cogdill, of First Christian Church and an ECM board member, "We are still in the reorganization stage. Nothing is concrete yet, as far as I know, other than we all still own the building."

So the white structure at the northeast corner of the campus stands empty, with no one to answer the phone.

The movement taken by the Methodists reflects an attitude running nationwide, that of establishing one's own religion, rather than the move toward ecumenicalism.

SAID RIGGS, "They are doing the same thing in Kansas and Oklahoma, with the same results."

Gerald Sappington, of Central United Methodist Church and an ECM board member agrees. "We don't know for certain what brought about this waning of interest in the movement," he said, "but we pulled out because of finances and our need to put the Methodist religion before the students."

According to the Webb City minister, the cooperative working together of churches to decrease denominationalism creates a loss of identity "too great to deal with."

"Also," he said, "everyone is working out finances; we are struggling with ours. Maybe once we can establish ourselves identity-wise and monetarily, we'll move back in."

THOUGH EACH FACTION still carries on their own activities, Riggs, who now heads UCCF, felt the present operation is not effective.

"For one thing, there's no central leader. Who do people talk to? At one time, they could come over there and talk to me, but now they have to try and catch me off campus," he explained.

In addition, Riggs named the loss of "Bits and Pieces," an ethics forum where participants discussed topics concerning students, as a setback.

"With 'Bits and Pieces', we had a rapport with people. We were reaching them at home, with talks about divorce, homosexuality and drugs. Now we've lost that," he said.

ACCORDING TO RIGGS, "A basic difference of philosophy aided this along. The Methodists wanted a campus ministry, but with a student population of only ten percent in the dorms, most already have their own churches. We tried to administer to higher education."

Despite the present standoff, Riggs said he hoped the groups joined again in a concentrated effort.

"Our particular group, UCCF, has a budget of \$9,000, down from \$25,000 when all the groups were one. We will continue on, doing our own thing, though."

"Hopefully, this will all end soon."

THE AMOUNT of money that a college receives in general revenue funds is determined by a formula composed by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Last year, for example, 82 percent of Missouri Southern's budget was financed by general revenue money, while most schools only received 78 percent of their budgets from general revenue funding.

However, all this is changing for Missouri Southern. The Coordinating Board wants Missouri Southern to start paying for more of its own budget through local income.

"The Board wants to bring us in line with the rest of the state colleges and universities. They want us to drop down to where we will receive 75 percent," said Shipman.

Although Missouri Southern will start paying for more of its budget, the Coordinating Board still wants college students to pay for more of their education.

"THE BOARD NOW feels that the student should pay 25 percent of his or her college education," Shipman continued. "With a rise in the amount the student pays, the board wants to lower the amount of general revenue money which the colleges receive to 75 percent."

What all this means in general terms is that tuition fees will be going up for the students of Missouri Southern. The late Dr. Leon Billingsly had known for some time that tuition would be going up and had worked out a formula for raising fees. In fact, Dr. Billingsly was the main factor for tuition fees being so low for so long. Because of his ability to work with the state legislature he was able to keep them low, one of the lowest in the state.

"There is no easy way to say it; we are going to have to increase fees," said Dr. Floyd Belk, interim president. "From the time we moved to the campus we had low inexpensive fees, the lowest in the state, and with excellent instruction."

"It was just a case of our fees as being about the lowest in the state. We are now being urged by the formula to raise fees to pay for the operation of the college," said Shipman. "So we are going to have to raise them."

Although it is not yet known how much tuition fees will go up, they will most likely make the jump during the 1979 fall semester.

ONE AREA that was hit hard by (Continued on page 3)

Registration due for campus session on leadership skills

Officers of campus organizations have until tomorrow afternoon to register for a Leadership Skills Tune-Up course being offered by the Office of Student Affairs.

The three-hour course will be offered from 6-9 p.m. Feb. 1 in Dining Rooms A-B of the College Union Building. The cost is free.

Topics to be covered include: Making meetings more interesting and effective, basic parliamentary procedure, and ways to improve group awareness and unity.

To register, officers are to contact Doug Carnahan, dean of men, in 130 Hearn Hall, ext. 222.

PRESIDENT
MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE COLLEGE
Joplin, Missouri

The President of Missouri Southern State College suffered a fatal heart attack Saturday, November 25, 1978. The Board of Regents is seeking nominations and applications for the position of President of the College.

The College, Missouri Southern State College is one of twelve state institutions of higher education in Missouri. It has faculty of 175 and a student body of 3000. The College is divided into four divisions: Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education and Psychology, and Technology. The College grants both associate and bachelor's degrees.

The Community: Missouri Southern State College is situated in Southeast Missouri, eleven miles from the Kansas state line, 40 miles from the Arkansas border, and 15 miles from Oklahoma. In this southwest part of Missouri lies a nine-county area comprising approximately 150,000 people.

The campus, located at the northern edge of Joplin on 250 acres of gently rolling land, is within commuting distance of a large college population. The College is located in the hub of a four-state area with its network of east-west and north-south major highways and good air transportation schedules. Known in the early 1900's as area of diversified agricultural activities and land and air mining, it is even better known today as a rapidly growing industrial and service center. It is within commuting distance of the Ozarks, one of the great recreational areas of the United States. Cultural activities, educational programs from kindergarten to college, and beautiful churches for all faiths are ideal for a college setting.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. A minimum of five years' successful top-level administrative experience.
2. An earned doctorate or its equivalent.
3. A demonstrated ability to work well with faculty, students, and the community and to be an effective leader in directing and inspiring all constituents to pursue institutional goals.
4. A commitment to a curriculum program of arts and sciences, business administration, teacher education, and technology.
5. An ability to operate within a framework of a state supported college, which includes effective collaboration with the board of regents, the state legislature, and various state agencies.
6. Evidence of involvement in and service to his community and his profession.
7. Effectiveness and a familiarity with fiscal policies and procedures.

COMPENSATION:
Salary: \$42,000 - \$45,000
Housing: Furnished

REQUIRED DATA:

1. The references which are no more than five years old.
2. A detailed resume showing:
 - a) A minimum of five years administrative experience;
 - b) All education related work experience;
 - c) A knowledge of the operation of a college with programs in arts and sciences, education, business administration and technology;
 - d) Some knowledge of the functions of administrative, alumni, news, printing, duplicating, and public services.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
All required data listed above must be submitted by March 15, 1979.

STARTING DATE:
July 1, 1979, or a mutually agreed upon date.

SEND APPLICATIONS TO:
Mrs. Dorothy Mear, Secretary
Search and Screening Committee
700 Office Bldg 1004
Joplin, Missouri 64801

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This is the advertisement running in this week's edition of The Chronicle for Higher Education announcing the search for a new president for Missouri Southern. The advertisement also ran in last week's edition.

Search is officially launched for new president of Southern

Search for a new president for Missouri Southern began in earnest this week with publication of the official announcement of the vacancy.

The advertisement which appeared in The Chronicle for Higher Education, a publication of the American Council of Education and which goes to persons in higher education across the nation, calls for a March 15 deadline for submitting applications and nominations.

In addition, letters were being sent to the president of every college in 30 mid-Western states with other states to be added as time permits. These letters were to ask for nominations for the presidency.

Publication of the advertisement in another newspaper or magazine also was planned.

Qualifications for candidates include these: A minimum of five years' experience in top-level ad-

ministrative positions, an earned doctorate; a demonstrated ability to work well with faculty, students, and the community, as well as with a Board of Regents, the state legislature, and various state agencies; a commitment to the curricular programs presently offered by the college, and effectiveness and

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Snow, and more snow, and long lines for registration combine to create many scenes such as this. Winter storm watches are in effect for the entire weekend.

the ANSWER MAN

By RICHARD BIGLEY

About student health services

Dear Answer Man:

What medical services can the student nurse here at MSSC render, and is there a fee for such services?

There are many services provided by Mrs. Irma J. Hartley, college nurse at MSSC. While many services are provided free to the students, there is a fee for some special services.

Examples of services available for free are first aid services, limited types of medicines, medical counseling, tetanus shots, and services of a physician at stated hours.

Also, immunization clinics are available free to students enrolled in any program requiring their use. Examples of such programs are athletics, student nursing, and auto technology programs. Also, Mrs. Hartley has a very limited supply of antibiotics available, and, if prescribed, these are free. Any other antibiotics not kept at the clinic must be paid for.

Services for which a fee is charged include any prescribed medicines not mentioned above, lab services, and ambulance services.

The preceding constitutes only a partial list. For more information, visit with Mrs. Hartley. Her office is located in Kuhn Hall.

Sidewalk to be finished?

Dear Answer Man:

Why wasn't the new sidewalk between the Business Administration Building and the College Union completed, and when will completion take place?

The reason for the sidewalk not being completed at this time is that the permanent location for the unfinished section could not be decided upon when the circle driveway was constructed. It has now been tentatively decided that the current location of the gravel pathway is probably the best location for the permanent sidewalk.

As for completion date, construction should start soon and should be completed when the College Union opens.

There are also future plans to construct a new sidewalk from the downtown snack bar to the Business Administration Building.

Union completion date nears

Dear Answer Man:

When will the new addition to the College Union be completed and what new facilities will there be?

Target date for completion is now set for March 1, although it could be earlier.

New facilities will include an expanded bookstore and snack bar area, vending machines primarily for use by evening division students, expanded game area and new game machines, and additional office space on the bottom floor.

On the main floor, new facilities will include expanded cafeteria space, offices for Placement Services and Alumni Affairs, a student lounge and new restrooms accessible to the handicapped. The biggest feature for the main floor will be the new automatic opening doors located at the south end of the circle glass panel.

Third floor facilities will include an expanded bathroom, a new lounge and an area for movies to be shown. Also there will be three more conference/dining rooms.

It is also expected that student services will occupy new offices on the main floor. Who will occupy other offices is as yet undecided.

All reasonable questions concerning campus life may be submitted to the Answer Man. If you have a question or problem that needs solving, write to The Answer Man, c/o The Chart. All questions should be signed. However, names will not be published. The Answer Man will do his best to provide an honest, straightforward reply.

Seniors exhibit art work at Spiva

Works by a second group of Missouri Southern artists are on display this week in the Spiva Art Center. The senior exhibits by four students will remain on display through Jan. 31.

Each student is required to exhibit a minimum of 20 works of art completed during the past year, many of which will be for sale. Pottery, jewelry, prints, drawings and paintings will be included in the show.

The exhibiting seniors are Patricia Provenzano, Fred Cox, Linda Satterlee, and Carl Nichols.

McCormick wins Rolla alumni award

Miss Martha Ann McCormick, professor emerita of mathematics at Missouri Southern, recently received the Alumni Merit Award from the University of Missouri-Rolla.

The award was presented by Joseph W. Mooney, president of the MSM-UMR Alumni Association.

Miss McCormick has been a member of the National and Missouri Councils of Teachers of Mathematics and is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, American Association of University Women, and the Freeman Hospital Auxiliary.

She serves as a docent at Joplin's Historical Museum and is organist at Byers Avenue Methodist Church.

The Alumni Merit Award is presented for outstanding service to UMR or the Alumni Association or for recognition of some outstanding achievement in academic or business pursuits.

Dean's honor roll cites 525; 116 attain perfect 4.0 average

Academic honors for the first semester have been announced with the release of the Dean's Honor Roll. Dr. Floyd Belk, interim president and vice president for academic affairs, said 525 students were cited for superior academic achievement.

To be placed on the Dean's List a student must be a full-time undergraduate and earn a minimum of 3.5 points out of a possible 4.0 on 12 semester hours or more. Some 116 students attained a perfect 4.0 grade average.

Students are listed by class and hometown. Asterisks denote a perfect 4.0 average.

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By LORRY YOULL
Assistant Editor

At 1 p.m. today the PSYCHOLOGY CLUB will meet in room 117 of the Education-Psychology Building.

CIRCLE K will meet at 7:30 this evening in room 118 of the Police Academy.

The Missouri Southern debate team will compete in a debate tournament today, tomorrow, and Saturday on the campus of Pittsburg State University.

The men's and women's BASKETBALL teams of Southern will play Kearney State Friday on the Kearney campus in Nebraska.

Fort Hayes State University will host both the men's and women's BASKETBALL teams of Missouri Southern with the men's game starting at 7:30 Saturday.

At 6 p.m. Tuesday there will be a KOINONIA BIBLE STUDY at the College Heights Christian Church.

The ART LEAGUE will meet at 12 noon Tuesday in room A-107.

From 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday the MISSOURI CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT and the OKLAHOMA WILDLIFE COMMISSION will be in the College Union.

CIRUNA will meet at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday in Library room 10.

The WOMEN'S BASKETBALL team will play Southwest Baptist College at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening on the home court.

At 5:30 p.m. Wednesday the STUDENT SENATE will meet in the College Union.

At 7 a.m. Thursday there will be a KOINONIA BREAKFAST in the College Union faculty lounge and a lunch at 11 a.m. at the College Heights Christian Church.



It's "moving in" time as dormitory residents began the annual trek back to campus after a long semester break. Rooms for male students were still available as registration continued early this week.

Annual budget battle begins with new problems

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the governor's cut in the budget was that area of student aid. In this section of the budget lies the money that students receive for scholarships. Missouri Southern asked for \$201,285 for student aid. The governor only requested \$91,285. This will affect the fee waiver system in some ways.

Said Shipman, "This is going to make us take a look at the scholarship program real hard. We are going to see if we are out of balance with other colleges. Maybe in some respects we are giving too much, maybe not enough."

"We already have commitments to student fee waivers (scholarships). The student who maintains his or her grades will not be denied a scholarship," said Dr. Belk.

"We will honor our commitments to those students who are on scholarships. And we will have to make a closer effort to obtain scholarships from other areas."

RECENTLY, THE BOARD of Regents took steps to find these new areas. In their last meeting the regents appointed Sue Billingsly as director of the Missouri Southern State College Foundation.

Although the foundation has been in operation, this is the first time that a full time director was appointed. Said Jerry Wells, president of the Board of Regents, "It became apparent it was time to formalize and expand the foundation. This came after the governor cut appropriations used for tuition grants."

He continued, "There are a lot of resources out there that have not been tapped. There are graduates who have been quite successful and there are also people in the community who are successful who would like to make donations."

Said Belk, "In the past, the foundation has had haphazard growth. There is now around \$400,000 in assets in the foundation."

THE MISSOURI SOUTHERN State College Foundation at this time is governed by a board made up of the president of the college, three regents, and the college's attorney. This may change, though. Said Wells, "We are thinking of redesigning the board. This will, hopefully, make it more efficient and carry out the program better. We knew no one better than Sue Billingsly. We were quite excited when she accepted the position."

He continued, "We may look back on this, and it might be the most important decision made in a long time. As college costs go up, there are more students who might need help, and this will hopefully help the situation."

"But the foundation is just not for scholarships. It can be used to bring faculty members to campus and create chairs. There are other forms of contributions that people might make, such as life insurance policies, endowments and trusts."

DURING THE NEXT few months the Missouri State Legislature will be working on Missouri Southern's budget plus many others. It is then hopefully that some of the \$600,000 will be restored.

Said Senator Richard Webster of the 32nd Senatorial District, "The entire \$600,000 will not be restored, but the cut was not in line with other state institutions."

Said Wells, "I hope that we can get a portion of the budget reinstated. We run a very efficient college, and we attempt to hold costs to a minimum. It seems like the efficiently run colleges get hurt."

MISSOURI SOUTHERN is one of the most efficiently run colleges in the state. Said Belk, "We have fewer administrators, secretaries, janitors, and fewer in student services than any other college in the state. We are one of the most efficiently run colleges in the state."

Compared to Missouri Western State College, a school with about the same number of students and a similar history, Southern shows a fewer number of support personnel.

For example, Western employs 36 clerks, while Missouri Southern shows only 22 on its payroll. Western also uses more custodians with 22, however, Missouri Southern shows only 17.

In the area of academic support, Western has three vice-presidents, but Missouri Southern uses only two. At Missouri Southern there are 8 department heads, Missouri Western has 12. However, Western does have fewer division deans, 3. Missouri Southern has four persons at those positions.

AS FOR SECRETARIES, Missouri Western has 13 on the payroll while Missouri Southern has only six. These are only a few comparisons, in the area of support personnel. However, Missouri Western, too, only got a four percent increase in general revenue money.

With only a four percent increase in general revenue money, Missouri Southern still yet will be facing another problem. That deals with the five and a half percent pay increase the Governor said state personnel will receive this year.

Said Dr. Shipman, "We are between a rock and a hard place with only a four percent rise in general revenue and five and half percent pay increase."

"There is no way that is a good situation," said Belk. "It does not make pleasant news to the institution and faculty. The excellence of the institution depends on the excellence of your faculty. You pay the faculty the best you can and provide them the best supplies for their instruction."

IN THE PAST, though, things could be done to ease this problem. "Before we have had the freedom to spend

the money as we wanted if we stayed within the general intent. But I don't know how the Governor will react to that this year," said Shipman.

"No decision has been made yet. We are going to have to, though. There is no way we can please everyone," Shipman continued. "We are going to have to hold the line on costs to meet out pay increases. Some one is going to have to decide how we are going to spend the money we got."

Belk concluded by saying, "Salary and normal operations will go on as in the past."

THINGS BECAME even more complicated for Missouri Southern, when the Governor had earlier announced that there would be no new capital improvements for state institutions this year. In keeping with that statement, the governor cut the money needed to obtain the second phase of the technology building in Missouri Southern's budget. However, college officials felt that the time was such that a bid should be made to obtain money for the new field house for Missouri Southern.

One aspect comes from the recent Title IX decisions that were handed down by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Although not all the aspects are clear on these rulings at this time, it is felt that by obtaining the new field house it would help Missouri Southern comply with these regulations.

Another reason for trying to obtain money for the new field house is that the mood in the state legislature is right. "We felt that we should move now and possibly obtain funding needed and maybe get it. We should at least ask for it. To be quite frank, the legislature is quite optimistic about the field house."

One consideration that was made in asking for the field house was the effect it would have on the technology division. "The board had the general feeling that as soon as

this phase of the technology building was finished we could temporarily delay the second phase of the building with out setting back the technology program," said Wells.

"I am always a little disappointed," said James K. Maupin, division dean of technology.

"BUT, FOR THE WELFARE of the college I was glad to see it. It won't set back the technology division. It just means there will be a little togetherness in the halls."

"We could get by for another one, two, or three years before we would really need the field house," said Dr. Shipman. "You have to get these things when you can."

Senator Webster is the ranking member on the Senate appropriations committee and will be the

leading figure in Missouri Southern's battle for the new field house.

"We don't have adequate room for PE classes and we are gored to capacity at the gym when there is a game. So we do need the improvement," said Webster.

He continued, "The votes are not all that much of a problem at this time in the Senate. Now I don't know what the House is going to do. If they put it in, when the bill comes to the Senate we'll hold it there."

"If it is not there we will put it there. Now if we go to the conference committee, and I will be on that committee, we'll get it through. I say that with confidence," said Webster.

He finished by saying, "I know this may sound kind of cocky, but I know what I can do and what I can't."



Secretary of the week:

Mrs. Carolyn Billingsly, secretary to Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs, is one of those persons behind the scenes, who helps to make the campus "go." She is this week's Secretary of the Week.

Seven companies schedule job interviews

Seven companies have scheduled interviews at Missouri Southern for late January and February. To be eligible for all interviews, except Dogpatch, U.S.A., persons must be alumni, December, 1978, or May, 1979, graduates, and have credentials on file with the Placement Office.

Interviews are conducted in the Placement Office next door to Kuhn Hall unless specified otherwise. If interested, an applicant should telephone extension 269 for an appointment or sign up at the Placement Office.

Dates and companies and qualifications are as follows:

NORTH KANSAS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Tuesday, Jan. 30, interviewing all education majors.

JASPER COUNTY SHELTERED WORKSHOP, Thursday, Feb. 8, interviewing all sociology and psychology majors.

WESTERN INSURANCE COMPANIES, Thursday, Feb. 8, interview-

ing all majors for positions dealing with property insurance, no life insurance; interviewing math majors for Actuarial department plus computer programmers, claim representatives, office personnel including managers and public relations personnel.

MCDONNELL DOUGLAS CORPORATION, Tuesday Feb. 3, interviewing all computer science, drafting and design and machine technology majors.

DOGPATCH, U.S.A., Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1-6 p.m., interviewing all majors for summer employment in the College Union.

VOLUME SHOE CORPORATION, Thursday, Feb. 22, all majors for management trainee positions.

KANSAS CITY, KANS., PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Tuesday, Feb. 27, interviewing all education majors.

CIRUNA prepares for '79 conference

Activities are being coordinated by members of CIRUNA, Missouri Southern's social science organization, for the 1979 Model Historic Senate, according to Marie Ceselski, CIRUNA president.

The conference is set for March 28 and is a role playing experience of the United States Senate, where area high school students act as senators to debate and resolve issues as in the past.

Topics this year include membership to the League of Nations; the Eighteenth Amendment, prohibition

of alcohol; and the Nineteenth Amendment, woman's right to vote.

Handbook for the conference is currently being composed. The guide will contain Senate Rules, a parliamentary short-form, topic background, sample bills, party platforms, Presidential Address, and instructions for participation in the day long meeting.

League of Nations will be researched by Brad Zerkel, sophomore political science major. Prohibition has been assigned to Randy Smith, junior marketing and management major. Ceselski, a sophomore

political science and journalism major, will write the chapter on suffrage for women.

Information on the voting records of past Congresses will be provided through the research of Scott Martin, senior theatre major. Ceselski will also write the Presidential Address and political party platforms on the three issues.

High schools in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma are being sent letters of invitation for the event. CIRUNA encourages the public to observe the proceedings.

Regents authorize planning for new housing units

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ability here," said Belk. "Eventually, we are hoping to build kitchenettes and experiment with married housing."

"For now, each unit will house four people, with a bathroom and an extra laboratory, living room and large

walk-in closet. The kitchenette will go in the back of the closet."

Location of the apartments has not been decided on, but Carnahan suggested the area northwest of Webster Hall to facilitate parking.

According to the interim president, admission into the new apartments will be limited to upperclass

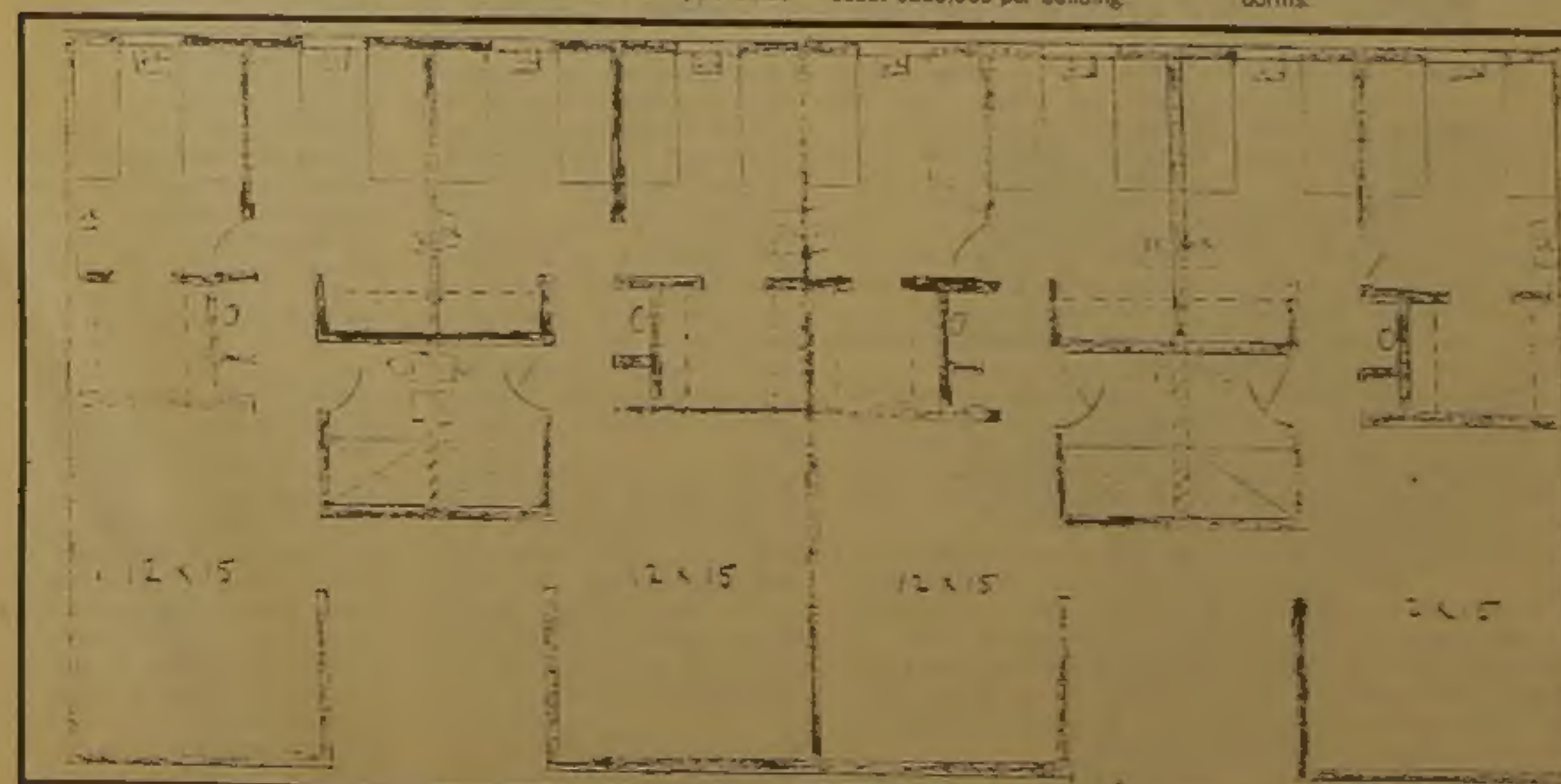
students.

"This will be a landlord-tenant type relationship, with none of the supervision of a regular dormitory. You can see the problems we could have here. We are going to be highly selective," he said.

Cost has been estimated by Belk at about \$200,000 per building.

"We can do that now, whereas with a big dorm, costing a million dollars, building would be out of the question."

"Plus, we can open these rooms during the summer and save on air conditioning. It won't cost nearly as much to run these as it does the dorms."



These are the tentative architectural plans for new housing units under study by the college.

Sigma Tau Delta initiates 13 into English honorary society

Sigma Tau Delta, English honorary society, initiated 13 new members at the end of last semester.

Chapter president Karen Williams, publicity officer Georgia Menapace, and inductee Marshall Jim Ellison conducted the formal ceremony before members of the college's central administration, English department faculty, and guests.

Other Sigma Tau Delta members participating were Brenda Redden, reception hostess; vice president John Golbach, Lynn Hinds, Jane Ann Graham, Lillian Gaston, Jamie Johnson, and Kathleen Shipman.

Requirements are excellence in English as well as general studies. Students must have a B average in English and rank in the top 35 percent of their classes in general scholarship. Members may be either English majors or minors.

New members are Jill Duncan, Janie Lindquist, Sue Pennington, Charles Warner, Kathy Ledbetter, Charles West, Karen Hatfield, Thad

McCanse, Debra Pearman, and Rick Meyer.

Associate members are Laura Chew, Penny Johnson, and Kathleen Morin.

The new members will be presented to the Sigma Tau Delta National Chapter by Dr. Ann Sianina, English faculty sponsor. She is assisted by Raymond Boyd, also of the department.

Founded in 1924, Sigma Tau Delta has over 175 active chapters nationwide and seeks to provide cultural awareness in the college and community. A member has the opportunity to be published in the national magazine, win \$100 in the poetry and writing contest, and a national \$1,000 graduate fellowship. Each member must subscribe to the motto of the organization "Sincerity, Truth, and Design" and "to make first hand acquaintanceship with the chief literary masterpieces of our language."

Presidential search underway

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familiarity with fiscal policies and procedures.

Applicants are asked to submit detailed resumes showing a minimum of five years' administrative experience; all education related work experience; a knowledge of the operation of a college with programs similar to those of Missouri Southern; and some knowledge of the functions of admissions, alumni, news, printing, duplicating, and public services.

Five references are to be included. Required data is to be submitted to Mrs. Dorothy Manz, Secretary of the Search and Screening Committee.

The Search and Screening Committee is chaired by Senator Richard M. Webster with Dr. Julio Leon, dean of business administration as vice chair.

Committee members include Glen Barnett, president of the Alumni Association; Howard Dugan, supervisor of the college's physical plant;

Fred Hughes, past president of the Board of Regents; Dr. Larry Martin, president of the Faculty Senate; Dr. Robert Markman and Richard Massa, faculty representatives; Mrs. Carolyn McKee, president-elect of the Board of Regents; David Meadows, president of the Student Senate; and Jerry Wells, president of the Board of Regents.

The committee's work is to be confidential and no names of applicants are to be released to the public. The committee is to submit 5-7 names of candidates to the Board of Regents for final selection, with the new president to take office by July 1. The time-table is said, however, to be flexible.

Dr. Floyd Belk, interim president, has said he will not "at this time" be a candidate for the presidency.

Dr. Belk said, however, if the Regents find it necessary for any reason to re-advertise the position after the initial screening period, he may apply provided he has the support of the faculty.

the chart

Missouri's Best College Newspaper

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Loss shows in budget

For the first time in 14 years, Missouri Southern will send its budget recommendations to the Missouri House and Senate without the late Dr. Leon Billingsly. And now that it is time for these hearings, we can all see, for we all will certainly feel the crunch in the semesters to come, just how talented a man Dr. Billingsly was. Now we will really be able to see some of the things that Dr. Billingsly did for the college and how he did them. He was, in all respects, a wizard when it came to working with the House and Senate at budget time.

For some reason, and it is beyond most of us, he had a personal way of working with those persons in the House and Senate. It is a shame that few persons realize it now, and even more of a shame that most persons will never know it. But we, as members of the Missouri Southern community, can't look back now; we must progress and continue and try to better his work.

Although this editorial was not intended to be a memorial to Dr. Billingsly, it is just hard to imagine what Missouri Southern would be like today, if his talents had not been used in the area of budgeting. But things were too good for too long; Dr. Billingsly knew that. Our tuition fees were going up and he knew it as well as anyone around this campus.

It seems that for the first time in many years our country is getting budget conscious, and that is going to hurt Missouri Southern. Fees will have to go up; it's going to be a fact of life. Missouri Southern will be forced to pay for more of its budget; however, with our members of the Senate and House looking out for our interest combined with Missouri Southern's reputation for fiscal responsibility, we will make it through this rough period.

It is important to remember that we are in this time of fiscal responsibility; however, education should not fall as a scapegoat for the purpose of saving a few dollars. Education is a meaningful item. We can not stand as a country without an education. The art of teaching and the skill for learning is one of man's oldest traits; if we start cutting too deeply into its heart we all will lose. Yes, it is important to save, but it is just as important to give everyone an opportunity to better themselves through a college education.

When we have lost everything else, as a society, the one thing that can not be taken away from us are those things that we have gained through an education, no matter by what means we have acquired it.

Union should aid campus

Soon, the new addition to the College Union will be finished and hopefully will enhance and better college activities. It is important to remember that the union expansion was built for the future; however, we must start using this new addition to the Missouri Southern.

It is up to the College Union Board to use this new building to further campus life for students. But more important is that the students of Missouri Southern give this organization their attention and support so they can use it. Often persons will say that Missouri Southern students are different, and they use the word commuter to define this difference. In some cases this may be true, but it does not have to be. Timing of events has to be calculated more closely by the CUB and students alike. Many of Missouri Southern's students hold down jobs, and this often hinders their ability to attend school events. Possibly, it would be preferable to students to hold some events during the late afternoon, say from 2-4:30, for some students have to report to work at 5 p.m.

There is no way that CUB and Student Senate members can expect heavy attendance at their events. What they can do though is just keep working on the problem, but more, keep trying new things until a good combination is found workable.

In all respects it will be a slow and painful process, and it will not be solved over night. But we can lay the ground work, and still it may take several years yet. But for now let us use the resources that are before us. Some good work was done last semester; don't let it stop.

Well, it has been said now; the dead horse of low student participation has been kicked again and we must ask ourselves what good it will do or has done. Writers can write and speakers can draw up the soap-box and lecture; in most instances it does little good. All we can do is keep is keep dreaming and hope that students in the future will pick up where we left off, be it failure or success.



Clark Swanson:

Economy becomes our scapegoat

By CLARK SWANSON

In our society each person usually has his or her own set of worries and wonders that stop and weigh on our minds each day. During those times when society is on the up-swing and things seem to be going as smoothly as possible, we each escape into our own world plotting our own course to success. However, when things seem to be dark and there is no hope in sight, our nations usually center their interest on the major cause of our problems.

And as one might expect, things seem to be on the down swing and again as in the 1930's we are turning our interest to the economy, and what is more amusing, is that we are, as in the past, trying to find a scapegoat for our problems.

It seems that everyone is taking inflation as the number one menace to our little sub-culture we call home, the United States.

People, if nothing else, are dead set in trying to place the blame on someone, and then trying to find someone to tell them that things will sometime in the near future get better. At this point in time though, we have passed the point of passing the buck and are looking for a quick and easy way out.

When you are backed into a corner the only way out is to go forward and fight your way out no matter how painful it may seem. And inflation has backed us in the corner and is not going to leave simply because we once were call the policemen of the world.

Since 1967 the inflation rate has more than doubled in the U.S.; furthermore, the U.S. has been racking up a less than favorable trade balance. We are stuck, and for once in a long time we have no one to blame but ourselves, although we may try to accuse others.

What throws me and others is that the word inflation is easy enough to pronounce and we know the general meaning of the word, but what we need to know is what causes and what cures it. By all means, that is a rough area, and with only one semester of economics I am by no means qualified to make such a prognosis. Maybe we should have a contest, something like this: "In 25 words or less tell us what causes inflation and how we cure such a problem."

Most economists these days are pointing a finger toward government spending. If that is true, which I believe to be the case, we are the cause of our own problems. We try to blame our Congress, but aren't

they a reflection of ourselves? Did we vote them in as our Congressmen?

My favorite line has been repeated so many times that I dream it in my sleep. It goes like this: "It is Congress's fault; they're the ones who are always spending, not me."

In this day and age of our republic that line no longer seems true to me. They spent that money in order to please us, the people who elected them to start with, and to be re-elected, they must give us what we want and that costs money. The attitude of something for nothing no longer exists and in fact never did to begin with; we just thought it did.

We have been pleased so much by the Congress that we have spent ourselves into the highest inflation rate the U.S. has ever known. The next logical step is to stop spending, but that will turn out to be extremely painful. No matter where Congress cuts spending it is going to hurt some one; it might be your neighbor or yourself.

So where do we go? There are only a few places left. The problem has been building up for several years and each one of us has been a part of the cause in some way. There is no easy cure, just a slow and painful one that each one of us must take part in.

Susan Campbell:

Don't tell me; I know. Snow again!

By SUSAN CAMPBELL

Don't tell me it's going to snow some more—I already know. The signs are written in black and white all over my car.

Due to the built in obsolescence of American-built Japanese cars, I know exactly what the weather will be.

Two days before the last big one, the car's wipers started waving to one another (and chummy clasped hands in the middle, thereby making visibility out my front window quite low), the engine sputtered its last glob of phlegm out the tailpipe and the heater sighed and died.

Only an imbecile would ignore flagrant signs such as these. Ask me—I know.

It's not that I mind roughing it; my spirit of adventure is as strong as the next person's. In fact, I almost appreciate having a little red oil light

shining on the dashboard to keep me company. Many's the time I've surged along with the static rhythm from my radio. It's a sort of emotional lift on the two out of seven mornings per week when the car starts. God love it all.

And I don't mind having to scrape my windows constantly—from the inside. Playing that ridiculous weekly game, "Name That Noise And Its Probable Repair Bill" doesn't even phase me anymore.

It's being able to spot my car so easily on the parking lot (what other yellow and black Toyota lies wheels up, dead in its parking space) that is embarrassing.

It's changing the baling wire (that holds the hood down) each week to prevent rust from leaking on my bumper.

But most of all, it's the way the car will heal itself whenever we pull into

a mechanic's garage. The warning lights immediately flicker their last and the engine purrs. You'd think the car just rolled off the assembly line. You and I know better.

The whole situation is almost like being cursed; for I am going to own that car until (a) it dies, or (b) I do. I suppose I could always, at the suggestion of a friend, fold it up into an ash tray, but I don't smoke.

I might use it as a flower pot but it won't fit on my shelf at home.

So, I'll keep flogging it each morning, cursing the day I read "Toyota, cheap" in the paper.

Maybe I can pass it along to one of my deserving acquaintances. Maybe I could drive out to a deserted road and leave it.

Now. The way that car acts, I have a feeling it would best me home.

Kay Albright:

New Year good time to clean souls

By KAY ALBRIGHT

There is a Japanese tradition that a man's soul gets tired bit by bit, day after day during the year, and by year-end, it is all worn out and dirty. In order to cleanse their souls the Japanese clean out their temples and then at midnight, the Buddhist bell bongs 108 times for man's 108 sins.

So, what do we occidentals do to scrub up our souls to begin the year again? Somehow the traditional New Year's Eve party with the maximum amount of noise and liquor and a minimal amount of spiritual uplifting seems to be inappropriate laundry. New Year's resolutions have a funny way of disappearing about this time, too.

Being in the dead of winter, the weather really doesn't help in the rebirth of a shiny soul. Even if you are the type to get an esoteric and aesthetic thrill from the glittering white expanse and trees dressed in crystal—the inconvenience and its eventual disintegration into slush do not exactly lift the spirits and renew the senses.

Psychologically speaking, this is a

low time for most college students anyway. One semester down and another one to battle stretches out before you. Maybe you didn't do as well last semester as you hoped, maybe you did better and are uneasy as to whether you can maintain that GPA. Maybe you are confident about what you can do and revel in hard work. If so, then you shouldn't be reading this; your soul wouldn't dare get dirty.

Put on a scientific basis, most college students do suffer from depression at this time. Call it a post-holiday let-down combined with lousy weather and a semester to go. Call it a tired soul.

Obviously the usual answers could be trotted out. Be nice to someone, be nice to yourself, get inebriated beyond consciousness; ahem, indulge in a new and unusual sexual experience,—or whatever other answers that Reader's Digest has come up with.

So now, those out there who realize what a tarnished soul they have are wondering what the sure-fire answer is—which is this: there isn't one. Personally a ride on the

Statens Island Ferry reminded me of a time when I used to have a few ideals and dreams, before I got caught up in the trudge of bills and day-to-day living. Hey, they might not have been much, just writing the great American novel, getting my name in lights, becoming an international figure, but they were dreams that I had lost somewhere along the way and found on a short trip over a well-known strip of water. I rediscovered dreams and used them to polish a particularly tired and smudged up soul.

When was the last time you remembered how you were going to conquer the world? When you dreamed of more than just being able to have a little left over after the car payment, rent, JC Penney, and tuition are paid? It might be all right to realize that maybe you won't be another Sylvester Stallone but to still have that dream might push your present goals a centimeter higher.

Admittedly every garment comes with its own cleaning instructions. Souls probably have separate tags, too. But it can't hurt to recapture some of the glitter of grand dreams.

John Roberts:

Hearst pardon at stake

By JOHN ROBERTS

Possibilities of a presidential pardon for newspaper heiress and convicted felon Patty Hearst look on a new twist earlier this month when Ronald Reagan and John Wayne came out in support of her release.

That the former California governor and Hollywood giant would favor such a move came as a surprise to many Americans. While it is no novelty to see noted personalities take a stand on controversial issues, most would have expected a "Free Patty Hearst" campaign to be led by the likes of a left-wing activist in the mold of Jane Fonda.

Both Wayne and Reagan are labeled as political conservatives, and both have been staunch law-and-order supporters in the past. They would, therefore, seem unlikely candidates to favor a pardon for someone who had been active in the radical Symbionese Liberation Army. However, Reagan's and Wayne's motives appear to run deeper than politics.

After reviewing the Hearst case and all of the events surrounding it, both are convinced she did not enter SLA activities on her own accord. Rather, they believe Hearst was a victim of brainwashing. In a message to President Carter, Wayne cited the recent incident in Guyana as an example of what extreme results mental conditioning can produce. In effect, the film star said that if one man (Jim Jones) could convince nearly a thousand people to commit suicide, one girl could not be expected to resist the efforts of an entire organization.

Whether or not the twosome's recommendation will have any influence upon the President remains to be seen. In the past, President Carter has stated he had no intention of treating the Patty Hearst case as a special one (presumably meaning no pardon), and has given no indications since then to suggest he will do otherwise. His ultimate decision, however, may be determined by the mood of the American public.

To date, there has been no outpouring of sympathy for Hearst, and none is likely in the foreseeable future. Though the positions taken by Reagan and Wayne may help to change some minds, a pardon will continue to be unpopular until the public is convinced to take a second look at the case, and themselves as well.

Too many Americans have been guilty of judging Patty Hearst the symbol, rather than Patty Hearst, the person. Instead of seeing a young woman who was kidnapped, tortured, coerced, and brainwashed, they see a spoiled little rich girl who broke the law and tried to buy her way out of it. Tired of powerful figures using their money and influence to skirt the law, many found the perfect scapegoat in Hearst. While fond of using the time-worn phrase "If it had been me or any other common person who committed those crimes..." they ignore the fact the SLA had little, if any, use for a "common person" to carry out their objectives.

Although such deep-rooted prejudices would be difficult to erase, the potential impact of a man the stature of John Wayne cannot be underestimated. Wayne has always been admired and respected by the American public, and with the recent disclosure of his failing health condition, that esteem is certain to grow. If he were to launch a last-hour crusade in Hearst's behalf, the results could be overwhelming.

Ronald Reagan is also a man of considerable appeal. Already, his name is the most mentioned as the frontrunner for the 1980 GOP presidential nomination, and he appears to be gaining momentum with each passing day. While it might be politically risky to support a Hearst pardon, the presidential hopeful has demonstrated in the past that he is not one to run away from a battle.

What the final outcome will be is anybody's guess. The only thing certain is unless someone, somehow, brings about a major change in public opinion, the Patty Hearst case will be conveniently swept under the rug.

Simple actions may be taken when cars 'act up'

By ROBERT MUTRUX

Most drivers, during their lifetime, encounter at least one emergency situation involving a malfunction of their vehicle. For instance, your throttle may stick, the lights might go out, wheels won't turn, your steering locks, the brakes go out, or a fire may occur. These are such emergencies that a driver should know how to handle promptly and correctly in order to prevent an accident that could result in injury or death.

Periodic inspections of the running condition of your car are the best way to avoid emergencies and accidents. This can be done by yourself or a mechanic. Such things as condition of fan belt and hoses, the exhaust system, brakes, steering assembly, and wheel alignment should be checked by a maintenance specialist. However, the driver can make certain that the tires, lights, and fluid levels, e.g., oil, radiator coolant, and battery fluid are within their safety margins. Also, the owner should be aware of the location and condition of his fire extinguisher, auto jack, spare tire, warning devices, and flashlight. The fuse panel is a common area of trouble and can be fixed quickly if spare fuses are kept in the glovebox. If a problem is discovered, fix it immediately.

BEFORE DRIVING, there are certain safety checks that can be made. For example, the tires, lights, gas gauge, and oil light can be easily checked. An oil light slow to go out after starting the vehicle may be an indication of a serious problem. Check the brakes by depressing the brake pedal and engaging the drive gear. Extreme looseness in the steering or a vibration or noise are troubles that require immediate attention.

When an emergency situation arises, it could require stopping the vehicle on the highway. This is dangerous in any case. Never stop directly in the highway but pull off to the side and signal your intention to do so. Leave your low-beam headlights on and turn on your interior lights and four-way flashers if you stop after or near darkness or in bad weather.

Should you stop in a risky location, e.g., over the crest of a hill or on a curve, get everyone out of the car and to a safe spot. A flare or other warning device should be placed behind your car and another 300 feet further back. If help is needed, raise the hood and tie a white cloth on the antenna or left door handle. Since most four-way flashers will not work

if the brake is depressed, the parking brake is better once you are stopped.

SUPPOSE you're driving along and the accelerator pedal suddenly depresses to the floor or won't return to its normal position and the car lurches forward at a high rate of speed. One remedy is lightly tapping the accelerator pedal to see if it will return to its regular position.

If not, try pulling the pedal up with your toe or have a passenger reach down and try to pull it up. Don't reach down yourself. Should you need to slow down or stop, turn off your ignition and apply the brakes. Make sure you turn the ignition off and not lock and if you have power brakes and steering, be ready to use more physical effort in stopping.

After you stop, check to see what the problem is. The pedal may be stuck to the floor mat. If you cannot correct the trouble, don't drive the car until it is fixed. However, should the problem be corrected, make certain before driving. Apply the brakes and start the car. Exercise the pedal and if it returns to its normal position, put the car in drive and try it at slow speeds.

MANY CARS have brake failure lights. When this light comes on, you should stop immediately. However, if the brakes completely fail, get off the road onto the shoulder or other clear area. Pump the brakes rapidly to raise the brake pressure.

If this doesn't work, shift to a lower gear and apply the emergency brake with modulated force. Finally, if you still can't stop, try turning off the ignition and shifting to a low gear, but only as a last resort because this can damage your transmission. Also, you might start looking for something to sideswipe, e.g., snowbank, guard rail, or anything that could slow you down.

Loss of steering is a sudden emergency. First, apply the brakes and stop as soon as possible. Warn other motorists or pedestrians by using your flashers, horn, or hand signals. Once stopped, push the car off the road and don't drive until the trouble is solved.

FIRES ARE one of the more dangerous emergencies usually caused by a fault in the electrical system or leaking fuel.

If the fire is in the rear area of the vehicle, quickly remove yourself and your passengers from the car in a safe manner. However, when the fire is in the front compartment of the car, use your fire extinguisher to kill the blaze.

Should the fire be around the engine, be careful while opening the

hood. Use a rag to cover your hands and turn your head aside to prevent burns. If a fire extinguisher is not available, dirt can be used on fires in the engine compartment. Try to stop a passing motorist or trucker who may have an extinguisher.

TOTAL POWER LOSS along with loss of lights can be caused by a burned out fuse or loose battery cable. Know where your fuse panel is located and use your flashlight to check the fuses. If one is burned out, replace it with a spare fuse. Never use foil to replace a fuse because this defeats the purpose of the fuse and could cause an electrical fire. However, if all the fuses look functional, check your battery cable connections. Should they be loose, power may not flow into the cables from the battery. Tighten them.

Loss of just one headlamp is serious. The bulb is probably burned out. Although, if the lights go on and off intermittently, a circuit breaker, heat activated, may be opening and closing. The problem should be corrected as soon as possible.

Engine overheating can be caused by a number of things, a leaking radiator, faulty water pump, a bad thermostat, or a broken fan belt. Most cars have temperature lights, but if yours has a gauge, become familiar with normal position of the needle.

If the engine begins to overheat, stop it, and turn off the ignition to allow the engine to cool. When you can't pull off the road because of traffic, shift into neutral while stopped and turn off the air conditioner. The heater can be used to increase the radiator capacity and hence cool the engine. Critical overheating could lead to damage, so you should stop when possible.

OVERHEATING can be prevented. Never put cold water into an overheated engine. This could crack the engine block. Look for leaks in the radiator, hoses, or surge tanks. The surge tank is an overflow tank attached to the radiator designed to take the overflow from the radiator when the engine is hot and return the coolant to the radiator when it cools.

On cars with surge tanks, check the tank when overheating occurs. If your vehicle doesn't have such a tank, take the radiator cap off and then check the level of the coolant, but only after the radiator has cooled.

Try to correct the problem. Adhesive tape can be used to stop or slow a leak in a hose temporarily, but the hose should be replaced soon after detection. If the hose is damaged near the end, remove the hose

and cut off the damaged portion then replace the hose. Fill the radiator with coolant to replace the water lost. After taking these remedial actions, cautiously drive the car to a service facility. Should your car overheat again, pull off the road and let it cool. Remember to tell the attendant at the service facility that the engine has been overheating so he can take the necessary precautions.

OIL IS EXTREMELY important to the welfare of your engine and a loss of oil pressure can lead to serious trouble. Most cars are equipped with an oil pressure light. This light comes on when the ignition is turned on but should go out shortly after the engine starts. If the light stays on or comes on while you're driving, pull off the road.

Check the oil level, if it is at the add mark on the dipstick, add oil before driving. A spare can of oil is handy in such an emergency. Should the light remain on after the oil level is full and there are no abnormal engine noises, you may drive cautiously a few miles to the nearest service facility.

Newer cars have alternators and older ones have generators. They supply energy to charge your battery and operate anything that needs electricity. Trouble in the electrical system is indicated when the alternator/generator light comes on or stays lit after starting the engine.

FIRST, check the fan belt because it may be loose or broken. This could also lead to overheating. The problem should be corrected quickly. If it occurs on the road, the battery will probably have enough charge to keep your car running for a short distance so that you can get to a service facility. However, remember that after dark, your lights will put an added load on the battery for power and shorten your driving distance.

Windshield wipers are essential in bad weather such as rain or snow. It is important to keep your wipers in working condition with periodic maintenance checks. Remove any objects that could block wiper movements and make sure you have good blades. When wiper failure occurs, pull off the road till the weather clears or open the window and stick your head out to see your way to a service facility.

Most dangerous of all problems is a driveshaft dropping out of place. The driveshaft is a tubular device under your car connected to the transmission, in front, and supplies power to the differential.

Universal joints connect the driveshaft at front and rear and can break, allowing the shaft to drop to the roadway. Failure of a rear universal joint is less serious but if the front

joint breaks, a dangerous situation is at hand. In this case, the driveshaft could dig into the pavement, raise the rear of the car, and flip it over.

DROPPED DRIVESHAFTS sound like something dragging under your car. The only solution is to slow down immediately and then pull off the road for repairs. Such a problem can be prevented by periodic maintenance and lubrication of the driveshaft by a mechanic.

Failure of a hood latch or improper closure of the hood can lead to hood pop-up. Many newer cars are equipped with secondary latches but even these can fail. If hood pop-up occurs, don't panic and don't panic stop. Open the side window or look around the left side of the windshield for steering reference and pull off the road. Try to remedy the trouble. To prevent such a problem, make yourself accustomed to the "THUNK" made when closing the hood properly. Listen for this each time the hood is closed and then check the hood.

Submersion of your car in a body of water requires quick, accurate thinking. With windows and doors closed, most cars will float for a few minutes. Don't open the doors because the pressure of water against them will probably hold them shut. Also, opening a door will let additional water inside, the car will sink faster, and the force of the water flowing in may be great enough to throw you about, possibly knocking you out.

HOWEVER, vehicular glass is tempered and hard to break. When breakage is impossible, open a rear door. Since the engine is in the front of the car, it will sink nose first, so the rear doors will usually be free of water for a short time. It's advisable to wear a safety belt to prevent being tossed about and knocked out in the accident.

Wobbling wheels or rattling noises are signs of loose or lost lug nuts. When a tire is replaced, sometimes the lug nuts aren't replaced tightly and will come loose and fall off inside the wheel cover causing a rattling noise.

Pull off the road immediately and correct the problem by tightening the nuts. If some of the lug nuts have been lost, replace the lost nuts from each wheel. When the wheel studs are badly stripped so retightening is impossible, leave the car and get help. However, if all the lug nuts are tight, a bearing could be faulty or burned out and caution should be used driving to a service facility.

Exhaust system failures are similar in sound to a dropped driveshaft. The muffler or tailpipe may separate

and drag along the pavement. A loud engine noise may also accompany the trouble. Pull off the road and look over the situation. The tailpipe and muffler can be rejoined, raised and hung back in place with a piece of wire, but wait for the exhaust system to cool before taking actions. Otherwise, extreme burns could result.

KEEP GOOD TIRES on your car and check them frequently. Familiarize yourself with the procedures for jacking your car and changing the wheels. If you have a flat tire or blow out while driving, grip the steering wheel firmly, brake gently to a slow speed, and pull off the road far enough so you can get out and change the tire without being a traffic hazard to other motorists. Be sure to brake slowly. Sudden braking may cause the car to go out of control.

Heavy rains and snow cause bad driving conditions, engine downturn, and brake failure. When roads are wet or icy, extreme care and attention is required to drive safely. If deep puddles or flooding are encountered along the road, drive through them slowly to prevent downturn.

Occasionally, apply your brakes gently to dry the brake drum. Wet brakes can lose their stopping power. However, when trouble occurs try to coast off the road and allow the engine to dry. Be alert for flash flooding when in the vicinity of a stream. Leave your car, if necessary, and seek shelter. Never drive through extremely deep puddles or flooded streams.

OTHER SMALLER emergencies commonly occur that also require quick thinking. Unruly children, insects, and objects in your eyes are distractions that should be dealt with at the side of the road. Pull off and turn off the engine and take the necessary action.

Most of the problems listed can be corrected with the proper equipment. Hence, it's advisable to keep certain items in your car at all times. In the glove compartment, keep your name, address and telephone number, spare fuses, flashlight, ice scraper, and a pocket knife.

The trunk compartment should contain a spare tire, fire extinguisher, first aid kit, jack and lug wrench, flares or reflective devices, empty can, tool box, pliers, screwdrivers, adjustable wrench, tape, wire, rag, battery jumper cables, piece of sandpaper, and can of engine oil, tire pump, plastic sheet, tire chains, small shovel, and a bag of sand for winter driving.

Computers taking over society? Not many agree

By SHAUN SKOW

Computers may be taking control of our society. Our continuous reliance on them to do our work for us, though, seems to have both good and bad effects on our society. To find out how students at Missouri Southern feel about the "computer age," a random survey was taken of 112 students. Opinions were sought from students ranging among 29 fields of study; 51 percent were male, while 49 percent were female (same as the ratio of male to female students on campus).

Answering of the questions varied largely in some areas while other questions seemed agreed on by most students. One question stated, "We in the United States are relying on computers more and more to do our work for us. Do the benefits of this trend outweigh any bad effects computers might bring? Hurt us more than benefit us? Or do the good effects balance out any bad effects brought on by computers?" Some 46 percent of the students surveyed felt the good effects of computers balance out with the bad, while 44 percent felt the good effects of a computer outweigh the bad.

John Wyatt, vice president of the First National Bank in downtown Joplin and head of the data processing department there, agreed.

"Technology," he said, "has made peoples' jobs more interesting. The services we do at the bank couldn't be done using manual labor."

JAMES K. MAUPIN, dean of technology at Missouri Southern, also agreed, adding that computers are time saving as well as being cost saving and provide us with a greater, more complete mass of information than we could get without computers. He can see where an over-reliance on computers could have a bad effect, though.

"If the wrong person were to get hold of information," Maupin said, "it

would be bad. Sometimes it's hard to get errors removed from computers also." He went on to say, "A big problem would occur if something such as a power failure were to put a stop to computer use. There's a chance of danger or misuse in anything we have, though."

James Gray, director of the college's computer center, feels computer benefits outweigh bad effects also, claiming that society benefits tremendously from them.

"They give us a better quality of life," Gray said. "And they enable us to predict society's needs as well as aiding in our decision making processes. Mankind needs to learn how to handle and use the computers efficiently, though."

IN REPLYING AS to how computers affected the job market in the nation, 44 percent of students surveyed felt computers wouldn't affect their chances of employment. This was especially true in the oldest age bracket (25-34). Gray and Maupin feel more jobs will be allotted due to computers. One new job becoming more and more available is computer service technicians. That department currently ranks in the top 10 upcoming occupations as reported in the Nov. 13 issue of "U.S. News and World Report." Still, 39 percent of students surveyed felt unemployment would increase due to computers.

"Only the nature of jobs will be changed," Maupin commented. "A trend is going towards jobs of providing input to computers. There is also an increase in the number of people to run computers."

Among the fields on campus fearful of more unemployment were law enforcement, math, music, biology, and sociology majors.

ASKED HOW they felt computer expansion would effect their particular chance for employment, 39 percent felt their possibilities of

employment would increase. Very few feared a trend towards more unemployment, although many more women than men were afraid of unemployment.

"Any graduate student having a basic knowledge of computer usage will have a definite advantage in employment possibilities," Wyatt said, "even if they aren't in a computer-oriented career. If you can adapt to the changes in your environment, you will be much better off than someone who doesn't."

Maupin agreed, claiming that an expansion in computers will only cause a difference in the preparations a student will need to make to get a job.

"More people need to get a better understanding of the limitations com-

puters have," Maupin replied. "Computers are machines for the collection and summary of data. They should be used as control devices to us."

HIGHEST IN TOTAL positive responses on a particular question came to the query as whether or not students felt computers were being introduced to society at a good, positive rate. Some 86 percent of the replies claimed they were satisfied with the rate computers were being introduced to us. Only 9 percent felt computers were being introduced to society too swiftly. That's how Wyatt felt.

"We are leaning toward computers too rapidly," he said. "We never really maximize efficiency of the new

computer systems we receive before we are being introduced to new systems. It's easy too get infatuated with whistles and bells. You have to look at the realistic side of it, though."

Maupin had a similar idea in mind when he said, "If we are expanding too swiftly it's not the computers' fault. Lots of people become over-anxious in trying to get use out of computers." Maupin went on to explain, "Many people who will buy the computers won't have the adequate background necessary to get their money's worth of use out of them. They have to know how the computers work."

"COMPUTERS ARE BEING introduced at a good, positive rate," Gray commented. "Man can adjust to them because he learns quickly. Any adjustments that computers may call for, man will be able to step through."

In replying as to how present living conditions would be effected should computers gradually be abandoned by us, 82 percent felt we would be worse off.

"A recent statistic claimed that it would take 16 million mules and horses to supply the power our farm machinery now has available," Maupin said. "Also, not having computers would result in the decrease in our standard of living." Maupin went on to explain, "There would be an increase in time of producing items and in handling financial arrangements. It would also be more difficult to analyze data such as producers vitally need to make projections on the trends our environment is making."

"People think about how nice it would be to go back to a life without our technological advances, as life once existed," Gray said, "but I question whether they would want to live in such a state for very long. All flow of merchandise would be slow-

ed, transportation would be altered because of air lines and traffic lines being computer operated. Basic necessities such as heat and light would be hampered and thus the general quality of human conditions would be affected."

LAW ENFORCEMENT majors were the only major study field at all in the opinion that we would be better off without computers, and this might be due to the fact that they were afraid of a decrease in employment brought on by computers. Business, marketing and management, and accounting majors all tended to believe their employment possibilities would increase because of computers.

Although feeling we would be worse off without computers, students between 17-18 years of age seemed to fear an unemployment trend brought on by computers. The majority of the students in the 21-24 age bracket felt computers would expand their possibilities of employment, while the older bracket (25-34) felt, for the most part, that computers wouldn't affect them one way or the other.

Objecting to use of computers more than any other field on campus were sociology majors, while computer majors felt they would benefit from society more with the addition of computers than any other field of study.

"Without computers, our economy would deteriorate," Wyatt said. "The businesses wouldn't be able to provide for the demands of the public without their aid."

Of the 112 students surveyed, the average age per student was 20½. Seven students were either undecided or undecided as to their majors. The survey was conducted on various parts of the campus including parts of the College Union Building, Hearnes Hall, Richard M. Webster Hall, South Hall, and throughout the library during various times of the day.



fourth & goal

'78 Season fails to produce clear-cut winner

By John Roberts

If the 1978 NCAA major college football campaign proved little else, it demonstrated once and for all the current method of selecting a national champion is inefficient, unfair and woefully outdated.

Despite all of the conference games, intersectional battles, and post season bowl matchups, the national title was once again decided by what amounts to a highly politicized popularity contest. Instead of on-the-field competition, the final determination of "Who's number 1?" was left to the pollsters at United Press International (UPI) and the Associated Press (AP). The result, which produced TWO national champions (UPI voted Southern Cal to the top spot while AP selected Alabama), left fans, players, and coaches alike calling for an end to the present system, and the installment of an elimination tournament.

Although a tournament of this kind has been oft-discussed, it has never received the support needed to push it through the NCAA. Recent developments, however, have given renewed hope to those who favor the playoff format.

At halftime of the recent Hula Bowl telecast on ABC, influential head coaches Paul "Bear" Bryant (Alabama), Joe Paterno (Penn State), and Dan Devine (Notre Dame) all voiced their approval of a championship playoff. The following week, the NCAA extra events committee announced it had set in motion the machinery for such an event. But, while these are encouraging signs, it appears the road leading to final approval could be a rocky one.

Bowl Committees in Opposition

Major opposition to the proposal is expected to come from several of the more prominent bowl committees. During the same halftime telecast, ABC attempted to interview Rose, Sugar, Cotton, and Orange Bowl officials about the possibility of forming a playoff tournament, but only Bill Nicolas (Rose Bowl) chose to comment. In his remarks, Nicolas made it clear his committee was firmly against any change in the present system.

Down through the years the major bowls have become big business. Because of their success, bowl officials are very hesitant to accept a change which might take away any of their power or prestige. So, unless the committees can be made to feel secure, they will undoubtedly lobby against any new format.

Another roadblock may be well-established coaches who are entrenched at big-name colleges. Several weeks ago, Oklahoma head coach Barry Switzer was quoted as saying, "A playoff would be nice, but the Oklahomas, Alabamas, and Southern Cal will win more championships with the system the way it is." This, of course, meant that teams whose school names are synonymous with big-time football will always have the edge over upstarts if titles are decided by votes (See THE CHART, Dec. 14, 1978 issue).

In addition, there are some observers who fear an extended season would be counterproductive. They contend it would put too much pressure on the players and coaches involved as well as add still more importance to what they see as an already over-emphasized sport. To most fans, however, these arguments simply don't wash.

Playoff Format Workable

To date, the NCAA major college division has 44 different championships and all of them, except football, are won by head-to-head competition. Coupled with the fact lower NCAA divisions are able to conduct annual playoffs, it is clear that an elimination tournament can, and should be implemented.

At first glance, the playoff system offered up by the extra events committee in San Francisco appears to be a workable plan. It would consist of the following steps:

[1] The nation's eight top teams (presumably established by some sort of polling system) would compete in the established bowls.

[2] Four winners would then advance to a semi-final round the next week.

[3] The two victors would meet the following Saturday for the national championship.

Because the proposal will not be voted on until next year, the earliest it could take effect would be the 1980 season. If and when it finally does gain approval, all major colleges, not just one, will be the ultimate winner.

Some things don't change —like Gene Bassman

By RICHARD POLEN

When Gene Bassman first got involved with softball, Harry Truman was President, the United States was in a cold war, and no one had ever heard of Reggie Jackson.

Now, 17 years later, Jimmy Carter is in the Oval office, détente is part of foreign policy, and Reggie is a millionaire.

Thankfully, some things don't change much. Like Gene Bassman.

THE NOW 55-YEAR-OLD retired postal worker is Southwest Missouri's District Commissioner of softball. But in 1952, there was no Southwest District. Just a few guys who wanted to play softball. And Gene Bassman was one of them.

Two years later, those "guys" decided a field should be built exclusively for softball. Done with volunteer labor, Ewert Park hosted a 12-team league which played two games a night.

From those humble beginnings has emerged a successful softball program for athletes of all ages, male and female. Last fall, Joplin was the

host city for the state women's softball tournament.

AND THERE, running the tournament, was Bassman, decked out in his worn cowboy hat, bermuda shorts, plaid shirt, and multi-colored pipe.

He well remembers the trials and tribulations that took place in establishing softball in Joplin.

Bassman played softball himself until he hurt his back during a tournament. Because no one was in charge, Bassman decided to run the tourney.

THE FOLLOWING YEAR he was elected president of what would become the Joplin Softball Association. And he's been supervising tournaments and leagues ever since. In 1959, he became District Commissioner for Southwest Missouri.

Why does Bassman put forth the effort to organize softball in Joplin? "It's a good civic thing for your city," he explains, "and the satisfaction that between 1500-2000 people participate plus all the fans that come."

"I'm a Christian and a Baptist. I

believe the Lord wants me to help people."

IN 1961, THE 12 teams that began at Ewert Park had dwindled to four, with one threatening to pull out. It was at that point a loan was obtained from a local bank to incorporate the organization. The Joplin Softball Association had officially begun and Gene Bassman was the registered agent.

The initial league formed under the new organization was called the Industrial League. "We started with, at the most, 16 or 20 teams, all fast pitch," says Bassman.

The league grew until Joe Becker Stadium had to be rented to accommodate all the teams. Some interest in slow-pitch ball was beginning to surface, explains Bassman, and the \$3,000 a year rent for Joe Becker was becoming more than the association could afford.

SO, IN 1970 they decided to build another park—Bassman Field.

"It was built for slow-pitch but had to be used for fast because there (still) weren't enough teams," says Bassman.

Now the interest in fast-pitch is on the decline while slow-pitch is booming, especially among females.

Recognizing this, Bassman is hoping to build yet another field, this one exclusively for men's slow-pitch softball. The 275-foot foul lines at Bassman Field have become a hitters' paradise, with balls leaving the premises too regularly.

THE NEW FIELD will have fences 290-300 feet away which, according to Bassman, is a more standardized distance. Meanwhile, the ladies will play ball at Bassman and the fast-pitch teams at Ewert.

Bassman does not permit the sale of some items at the fields. "We're not in it for the money," he says, "to the extent where we have to sell beer or cigarettes."

As for expenses, he says, "It costs us \$9 a game. That includes umpires, groundskeeping, and lights."

Seasonal entry fees, tournaments, and the concession stands make up for those costs. But even if they didn't, Gene Bassman would probably have softball in town anyway.



PHIL CLOSE

Phil Close 'happy' at Southern

By RICHARD POLEN

Phil Close is happy to be playing basketball for Missouri Southern.

You see, the 6-6 sophomore forward originally signed to play for Louisiana Tech. But shortly after his arrival, Tech made a coaching change which, in turn, changed their style of play.

Close was not only upset with the style change, but didn't particularly care for the coach either. So he looked at Missouri Southern and found Coach Chuck Williams.

"I HAD THE opportunity to come back here," said Close. "Coach Williams had tried to recruit me when he was at SMS."

Several schools tried to recruit Close after his senior year at Joplin Parkwood. Close set what is still a school record with 698 points in a season and averaged 24.9 per contest.

He scored 30 or more points eight times, including a 40-point performance against Springfield Central.

Close averaged 52 percent from the field, 65 percent from the line, and gathered in 14.6 rebounds per game. If it isn't obvious, yes, he was named All-State.

THINGS HAVEN'T been quite so grand at Southern, but, according to Williams, "He's just getting his feet wet so far as college ball is concerned."

Close played on the varsity at Louisiana Tech and even made the traveling squad as a freshman. But one semester was enough and he transferred to Southern.

And he isn't the only one who's happy.

"We're encouraged by some of the progress he's making," said Williams. "He has the tools to be a good college scorer. We feel his rebounding has improved."

CLOSE'S WEAKNESS, according to Williams, may be defensively. But the Southern mentor adds, "He's worked hard and we're looking for three years out of him."

Lions in Portugal get 2-2 record

Southern's basketball Lions ended their Portugal tour with a 2-2 mark. Southern defeated Academico Futebol Clube 83-53, SLO MacWebster of Lisbon 107-75, and were defeated twice by Futebol Clube Do Porto 71-69, and 87-74.

"The trip was an excellent opportunity for our younger players to get some valuable playing time under their belts against some very experienced opposition," stated head coach Chuck Williams. "Many of the players have been playing in that league for several years, and one was a 14 year veteran, so we were facing some fine basketball teams."

IN THE VICTORY over SLO MacWebster, Johnny Parker led Southern with 17 points, followed by Scott and Rod Shrum who both tallied 16. During the game, seven Southern players ended up in double figures. Phil Close and Greg Chambers were the leading scorers for Southern in the win over Academico Futebol Clube with 16 points.

Bill Brewster was elected the Most Valuable Player for the four game tournament, and Close was the runner-up.

"I was really proud of the team as a

whole unit," praised Williams. "They really showed their poise and maturity during the whole trip. Even after both of the losses, the players controlled their emotions and would still sign autographs for the crowd of kids outside the locker room."

WILLIAMS FELT that his team had no problem in adjusting to the international rules and the 30-second shot clock. "The texture of the floors was slightly different, but the players adjusted very quickly. One thing that surprised us was that the gymnasiums were not heated and some of the players had problems trying to keep their hands warm after they came out of the game."

Players solved this problem by bringing their coats and gloves with them to the sidelines. Williams thought that the international rules made it harder for the coaches to do their job.

"No timeouts can be called until the ball is dead and your team has the ball," he explained. "This is also true for substitutions. By the time your substitute got into the game one of your important players could be in serious foul trouble. Those were the major adjustments that I had to plan for during the games."

Turner named coach of year

Glory for Missouri Southern's baseball squad's impressive showing in last year's NAIA final has not stopped yet. Head coach Warren Turner received another turn.

Turner, who took the surprising Lions to the championship game of the NAIA World Series in only his second year at the helm, was named 1978 Baseball Coach of the Year.

Turner's selection was announced at the annual convention of the American Association of Baseball Coaches meeting earlier this month held in San Francisco.

Southern advanced to the NAIA World Series for the first time in the

school's history by winning the District 16 and Area four championships.

The Lions won three victories in the Series before bowing to eventual champion and fellow CSIC opponent, Emporia State University. Southern had beaten Emporia State in the opening round of the double-elimination tournament but the Hornets bounced back to beat the Lions twice for the championship.

The Lion's second place finish has enabled Turner to pick up some talented and valuable recruits for the upcoming season. Already, Turner is drilling the team daily in preparation for the spring season. The Southern coach was also pleased that the national finish enabled several Southern players to garner post season awards.

Turner, who also has been named District 16 and Area 4 coach of the year, was notified of the Coach of the Year award in December. Since then, he has been guest speaker at a coaching clinic and has had an article published in the American Association of College Baseball Coaches Quarterly Digest. He has also been appointed to the NAIA Rankings Committee and is on the Editorial Committee of the AACB.

2 Southerners make soccer All Mid-West

All-Midwest selections for college soccer players of the 1978 season include two Missouri Southern squad members: George Major and Cary Maloney.

Major made the second team as a goalie, being beaten out only by Randy Phillips of Southern Methodist University. Phillips was a first team All-Midwest and All-American at that position. Maloney was chosen on the team for the second year in a row, receiving honorable mention as a tail back.

"The players selected for this team come from six surrounding states," Coach Hal Bodon commented, "which include NAIA and NCAA schools. To be chosen on such a team is quite an achievement."

Although the All-Midwest team consists mostly of junior and senior members, Major was voted in as a sophomore. The honor reflected his play during the year in which Major allowed only 20 goals in the 19-game season while collecting 103 saves and shutting out 10 of the teams he was up against.

Maloney, a senior, was a highly-rated defensive player, having completed his last season as a player for the Lions.

Salavantis new football coach here

John E. Salavantis has been named football offensive coordinator for Missouri Southern's Lions. The new position will take effect immediately as Salavantis will replace Donnie Gaddis who resigned last week to take another post.

A 1971 graduate of Kansas State University with a master's degree in physical education, Salavantis will also serve as recruiting coordinator.

The new coach comes to Missouri Southern directly from Ottawa University where he served as head football coach and physical education instructor. His team recorded a 7-3 record under his direction.

Prior to his term at Ottawa University, Salavantis was head football coach at Independence where his teams posted records of 4-7, 6-5, and 8-3.

Other college coaching experience included offensive line coach at McPherson College, offensive coordinator at Independence, and head football coach at Pratt Community Junior College.

In addition to his master's degree, Salavantis has a bachelor of science in biology degree from Ottawa University.

Macken's GPA tops for soccer squad

Two freshmen and two senior tri-captains lead the Missouri Southern soccer team on the academic charts after last semester.

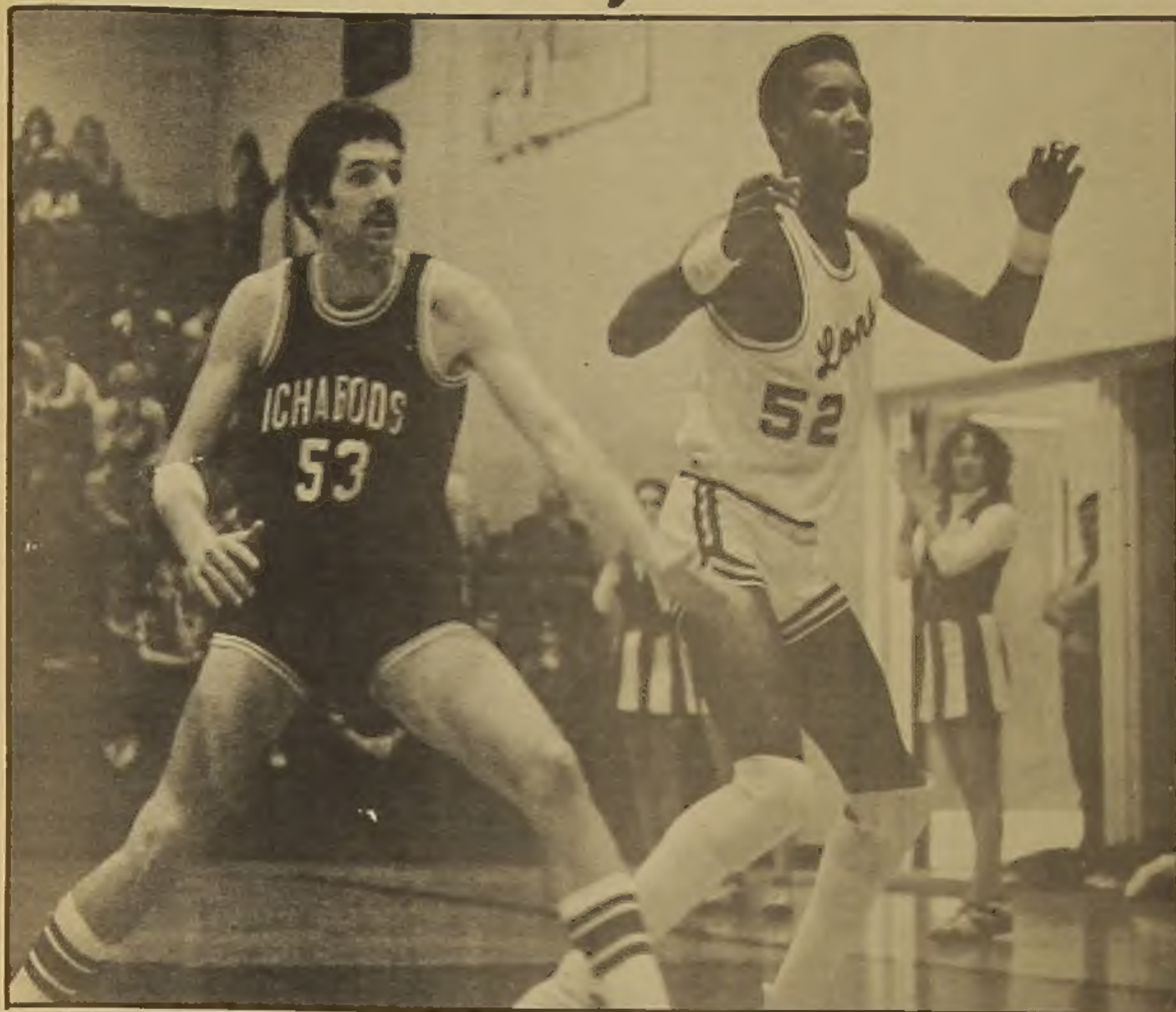
Joe Macken, a freshman from Kansas City, topped the team with a 3.83 grade average. He was followed by captains Cary Maloney, a senior from

St. Louis, with a 3.69 GPA, and Rick Ruzicka, also a senior from St. Louis, with a 3.44 GPA. Fourth was Jeff Cindrich, another freshman from Kansas City, with a 3.39 GPA.

The fall semester GPA for the whole soccer team was 2.74 (8 minus).

Lions fall to Drury for second time this season

By JOE ANGELES



Johnny Parker fades down the lane in an attempt to free himself from a Washburn defender for an incoming pass. Parker scored 11 points against Washburn in a Missouri Southern victory that came in the closing moments of

the game. Southern defeated eighth ranked Washburn, 56-55, on a last minute go ahead shot by Shelly Brown.

After losing their one point lead at 17 minutes of the second half Missouri Southern's basketball Lions would never again regain the lead as they lost to the Panthers of Drury last night in Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium, 76-70. Missouri Southern's record is now 6-8.

In the first half the lead changed hands 12 times. Missouri Southern held the largest of the first half of six points at 15:05. Drury's biggest lead of the first half was three points at halftime. Southern kept the play at their pace for most of the half until the final two minutes when Drury finally overcame Southern's five point lead.

Shelly Brown saw little action in the first half because of foul trouble and finally had to leave the game at the 11:41 of the second half after his fifth personal foul. "Losing Shelly hurt us," commented Southern's coach Chuck Williams. "But Sam Starky came off the bench and put in a fine effort."

In the second half, the large vocal crowd watched as Southern could only tie the score and never take the lead at the 7:00 mark. Drury began to come inside the lane of the Southern defense. "Defensively we

made a few mistakes inside," remarked Williams. "Drury is a real tough ball club."

Lawrence Washington of Drury was the game's leading scorer with 22 points. Three other Drury players scored in double figures, James Bone 18, Jerry Alexander 16, and Nat Quinn had 12 points.

Southern was led by Greg Chambers with 20 points, Phil Close and Sam Starky off the bench with 10 points.

In the final minutes of the game Southern appeared to be mounting a last attempt to take the lead but lost the ball on a traveling call during a fast break. Southern managed only to shoot 35 percent from the field in the second half and 42 percent for the entire game. Drury shot 46 in both halves.

At the free throw line Southern was six of eight compared to 18 of 20 for Drury. Drury out-rebounded Southern 39 to 36.

"This was a tough game to lose," said Williams. "We can't let this get us down."

Southern goes on the road this weekend to take on CSIC rivals Kearney State tomorrow and Fort Hays State Saturday. Southern returns home to play University of Missouri Kansas City in District 16 play.

'It took time—'

At the beginning of the 1978-79 basketball campaign, Coach Chuck Williams was well aware of the time it might take for his young squad to click. After a struggling 3-6 first half, the Lions returned from their Portugal trip to put together a vital second half streak.

Following a 2-2 performance in Portugal, Southern dropped a District 16 contest to Southwest Baptist College, 65-56. Since then, they rolled up three consecutive victories over nationally ranked Rockhurst College, Emporia State University, and nationally ranked Washburn University.

"What a difference a week makes," said Williams Saturday night following the Lions' 56-55 squeaker over Washburn.

"We were tired Saturday night and I think it showed during the second half. We had to play three tough teams in four nights. That's enough to make any team weary. But I was proud of the way our young men came back down the stretch to meet Washburn's challenges."

Southern tipped off the big week with an important and surprising victory over seventh-ranked Rockhurst at Kansas City. Phil Close's laying with six seconds left on an assist by guard Shelly Brown proved to be the winning bucket as the Lions clipped the Hawks, 62-60.

The defeat was Rockhurst's first in six NAIA District 16 outings and only its second in 12 games overall. The victory improved Southern's district mark to 2-3 and its seasonal log to 4-7.

Close, a 6-6 sophomore from Joplin, funneled in 22 points to key the victorious effort and Brown added 17. Bill Brewster contributed 10 points and several key rebounds.

Emporia State provided Southern with its first CSIC contest since last semester and provided them with their second straight victory. The Hornets bowed to the Lions 69-64 in Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

Close and Brown again led the offensive fireworks, getting 28 and 18 points respectively, but Johnny Parker bounced off the bench to contribute 10 points, six rebounds and six blocked shots.

Washburn came to town the following night for another CSIC contest but Shelly Brown's driving bank shot with four seconds downed the eighth ranked Ichabods 55-55. Southern's balanced attack kept them in the lead most of the game until forged ahead during the final minutes.

Parker, turning in another strong offensive and defensive effort, paced the Lions with 11 points while Brown, Brewster and guard Scott Schulte got 10 each. Brewster led the board work with 12 recoveries.

Lady Lions head for state playoff

By SHAUN SKOW
Chart Sports Writer

With an 85-48 victory over District 16 rival Southwest Baptist College, the Lady Lions of Missouri Southern have all but assured themselves now of qualifying for the state basketball tournament this year. The Lions had beaten the other district teams, (Evangel and Rolla) on the road to give them a 3-0 District record for the year. They have yet to play their three rivals on the home floor. The top two squads in the District will qualify for state competition to be played Feb. 23-25.

In other January action the Lions posted wins over Missouri Western (73-61), Wayne State (84-70), and Washburn University (53-41) while losing games to Northeast State University (74-69) and Emporia State University (72-56). This gives the Lions a season record of 9-7 and a Conference record of 3-2 for the year.

AFTER A THREE WEEK break over the holidays, the Lions first traveled to Southwest Baptist College for an easy 85-48 victory in which all 14 Lady Lions scored points. Mary Carter led the way by scoring 12 points while Lisa Gardner added 11 points and 10 rebounds. Using a relentless pressure defense, the Lions pulled out to a 44-18 halftime lead which they would never give up.

"The girls had a lot of enthusiasm after coming back from the holiday," Coach Willoughby commented. "Our defense was tough, strong, and aggressive which helped us control the game in our direction."

Conference rival Missouri Western was the next victim of Southern's Lions by a 73-61 margin marking the 1st time the Lions had beaten Western on their home floor. Western had held a 47-45 lead with 15 minutes left in the game before a Southern surge put the Lions on top 55-49 with 9 minutes left.

Southern scored more points at the free-throw line than Western for the first time and were led in scoring

by Cherie Kuklentz with 16 points. Three other Lions were in double figures: Patti Killian, Barb Lawson, and Brenda Pitts. Willoughby credited her team's defense for the victory.

"THE TEAM LOOKED sharp, from a defensive standpoint," Willoughby said. "Our offense clicks automatically when we play good defense. The girls knew what they were doing out there."

Troubles hampered the Lions over their weekend contest traveling which included a broken down bus and getting caught in a snow storm, both of which delayed their journey to matches. These obstacles didn't hamper play for the Lions though as they went on to beat Wayne State for the first time ever by a 84-70 margin in a Conference match. Willoughby had coached Wayne State prior to coming to Southern and had directed them to a Conference championship during the 76-77 season. The players she had coached no longer remain, however.

"Our program here is becoming more competitive now because we have the opportunity to recruit players in order to help the program," Willoughby said. She went on to talk about the winning streak the Lions were holding. "The girls have been working hard in practice and have shown a lot of confidence. They now feel they can play good basketball with other good teams. Having this confidence does a lot to determine how well you play."

NORTHEAST MISSOURI State University, going into the game having already beaten Southern earlier (83-80) and posting a 10-1 record played just as well in their second meeting. After falling behind at the half, Southern came back in the 2nd half with two baskets and a steal by Mary Carter, who ended the game with a team high 15 points. Southern later jumped out to a 6 point lead before Northeast came back to tie the game again, with three minutes remaining, and take the lead for the last time using fine outside shooting.

"We got off to a slow start early in the game," Willoughby recalled. "The

girls were playing tired, probably due to our road trip and our not having practice last Monday probably hurt us."

Although shooting a high 51 percent in shooting, Southern was outrebounded for the first time this season, 44-43.

"Our team hurried down the field and shot the ball before our offense could set up and get underneath for rebounds," Willoughby explained. "They (N.E.S.U.) outpositioned us under the boards also." She added, "The game seemed to require a lot more effort to play it than previous ones had."

AFTER NORTHEAST the Lions came back home to face Emporia and Washburn. Against a strong Emporia team, which had been predicted to win the C.S.I.C. Conference, the Lions battled to a 30-29 lead late in the first half before falling behind 31-30 at the half and 72-56 at the finish. Free throws accounted for half of Emporia's 2nd half points due to 15 Southern fouls as Willoughby recalls.

"The fouls killed us," Willoughby said. "The girls played a little erratic because they were wanting to win so badly." She went on to say, "We couldn't get it going in the 2nd half due mainly because of substitutions. I was trying to put too many people in the game which resulted in getting people together that weren't used to playing with each other. You have to have five players out there that will jell together to generate a good offense."

With the victory, Emporia extended its winning streak over Southern to five games while running up a 3-0 Conference mark. Despite having a pulled muscle, Cherie Kuklentz lead the Southern attack against Emporia with 17 points while grabbing 8 rebounds.

USING A PRESSING defense and a fast break attack, Southern broke open the Washburn game early with a 21-9 lead. Washburn later tied the game with 13:03 to play in the game which Southern had a mere 28 percent shooting percentage. The Lady Lions came back to win with a 53-41 finish. Patty Vavra lead the Southern attack with 22 points, 8 rebounds, along with an assist and steal.

"The shots the girls are taking are ones I have seen them make time and time again," Willoughby said. "They just weren't going in for us lately." She added, "We went out and played real well in the first 8 minutes against Washburn. I think

the substitution thing hurt us again there, though."

Next up for the Lions will be Kearney State College tomorrow night and Fort Hayes on Saturday, both Conference matches. Southern's next home match will be against Southwest Baptist on Wednesday.

"We haven't used our home field advantage the way we should be doing," Willoughby said. "It will take a few games at home for the players to get used to having a crowd cheering for them. They have been playing some really good games on the road which I would like the home crowd to get a chance to see."



Cherie Kuklentz defends an Emporia State player in last Saturday's game. The Lady Lions won that game by a score of 72-56. Kuklentz leads Southern scorers with a total of 17 points, and pulled down 8 rebounds, even through she played the game with a pulled muscle.

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Musicals highlight current Broadway offerings

By KAY ALBRIGHT
Associate Editor

Over the Christmas vacation, New York City was stormed by several students and faculty for a week primarily devoted to the viewing of Broadway shows. It is doubtful if they made as much of an impression on New York as it made on them but ask them about it and they will be willing to give a detailed account.

This season on Broadway had more musicals on stage than any other season before. Over Christmas, Joel Gray opened his new musical, "Grand Tour" at the Palace Theatre. The storyline of this sentimental musical has been used before in a movie and a straight show but it makes the transition to song and dance very well. Some of the action and dialogue could be tightened up, however.

Joel Gray portrays S.L. Jacobowsky, a philosophical Jew who has made a career of fleeing from country to country. He is now in

France during WWII and feels distinctly nervous about the approaching Germans. He meets up with an aristocratic and arrogant Colonel and helps him escape with an entourage of the Colonel's valet, his girlfriend and her parakeet and a secret message. The show gets its title as Jacobowsky calls their escape the grand tour. The "tour" proceeds from the French countryside, a train, a carnival, a wharf, a canal, a Jewish wedding and a nunnery. The true impact of the story is how the "little Jacobowsky" and the arrogant Colonel come to love and care for each other. Frankly, Joel Gray carries the show with his energetic dancing and his untrained but expressive singing voice. Angela Lansbury enjoyed the Thursday matinee also.

WINNER OF FIVE TONY awards, "On the Twentieth Century" has probably one of the most elaborate and overwhelming sets on Broadway right now. The story takes place on

the Twentieth Century train, which back in the early part of movie history was the train all the stars rode on. The story line is almost trite with most of the action due to the fact a failing producer is trying to get back the star he created. Imogene Coco plays the batty religious reformer and steals the show with her delightful mannerisms and characterization. It is two hours of glorious fun—a musical, however, that could only be done on Broadway because of its difficult staging.

"Ballroom" is the musical based on the t.v. show "Queen of the Stardust Ballroom" and was the favorite musical of many on the trip. Dorothy Loudon plays Bea Asher, a widow who rediscovers what it's like to really live when she goes to the Stardust Ballroom and dances her way to romance with Alfred Rossi (played by Vincent Gardenia, last seen in the movie *Heaven Can Wait* who is a mailman that we later find out is married. It makes the point that love still exists no matter what age and the

barriers in between. Visually the show had a special impact with the lighting on the stage floor and the choreography of the ballroom dancing. Dorothy Loudon, known for her characterization of mean Miss Hannigan in "Annie" brought a sensitivity to the role which may be due to her own recent loss of her husband. It is a show that could make the transition to college and community theatre successfully.

"Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" cannot use its title in t.v. commercials, but it is bright, colorful, slightly risqué, and based on a true story. The whole musical centers on the fact that a t.v. newsmen exposes that the "Chicken Ranch" is a whorehouse that needs to be closed down. The whorehouse is the oldest one still existing and it is run by Miss Mona. Each girl at "Miss Mona" has a story, including Miss Mona and her involvement with the sheriff. The music has a country-western flavor which is surprisingly popular in New York and several of the songs could be taken out of context and put on

the top forty. Not for your average suburbanite, but the Jewish matrons from Scarsdale are probably enraptured.

IT'S THE IRISH IN YOU that "Da" reaches out and grabs. It swept the Tonies in 1978 and after seeing it, that's understandable. Barnard Hughes plays the old father with the ignorant prejudices and humor of the poor working class, and David Leary plays the son who is "haunted" by the memories of his adopted father. It is a show that has humor, warmth, and the ability to make you laugh through your tears. An absolutely priceless show with a cast that brings the point across "you can never leave your past behind—it always comes with you."

Occasionally you get a show that is primarily a vehicle for a star. In "Kingfisher" it was a vehicle for three stars: Rex Harrison who is still the elegant, if aged, rake, Claudette Colbert who looks winsome and young in her 60s, and George Rose, perhaps better known in play circles

than movies but one of the best character actors around. The show is very wordy and the set a little dull, but quite frankly the audience would have put up with much worse for the combination of actors. It is probably the last Broadway show for Harrison and Colbert, which makes it special on that point alone but the show has some good lines in it and some funny moments.

"Deathtrap" has one of the most brilliant plots that have been seen on Broadway in a long time. It is a play within a play almost within a play. About the time that you think you have it all figured out, somebody dies but doesn't really die and the special effects make you doubt your own senses. The set is extremely realistic. It is a living room on Westport, Conn., right down to the deadly weapons on the wall. The murder suspense play is about a playwright who writes murder-suspense plays. It is sheer brilliance and it is the kind of show where you forget you're in a theatre with hundreds of other people or that it's just a play.

Jim Allman:

Thankfully, there were movies, and they saved semester break

By JIM ALLMAN

Christ, I feel so old. A brand new semester and all my fellow columnists are gone. The grand old man of the staff, Jim Ellison, graduated. Steve Smith is in a bottle with the cork pulled in behind him, and Blaine Kelly is on sabbatical or in hiding. Aside from Big John Roberts, the resident Armenian, and myself, who's left? Oh, there's Swanson, but all he does is bitch about being short and never having dates. And there's our sports editor, too. Still, Kemm fares no better than Swanson; he's tall and can't get dates.

It was a helluva semester break what with Dick Mackey dying, not getting what I wanted for Christmas (was a Mercedes really too much to ask for?) and trying to figure out who the hell John Galt was. God! It was depressing! Damn near as bad as the time every male, except me, of my graduating class in high school came down with venereal disease. They're still laughing at me.

Yet, there were happier moments. I read, reread, then reread again *The Winged Lion* searching for the necessity of its publication and finding none. Happily dismissed it as so much cosmic, metaphysical slop. "Didactic" might become "eclectic," but frankly, what does it mean? While poetry is often esoteric, and rightfully so, why should it be at the reader's expense? I'll gladly give five dollars to the author or anybody else who can suitably define that term. Perhaps I'm under the wrong impression but I thought the era of space cowboy poetry died out with Jefferson Airplane and Jack Kerouac.

Thankfully, there were the movies. Some such as *Lord of the Rings* (I walked out) and *Superman* (he less said the better. No, that's not true. I had fun with *Superman*. I went in expecting nothing and exited with same, except several bellylaughs. You'll believe a man can fly?

Horseshit. A lot of bucks were spent on some half-assed Hollywood fakery and Brando's salary. Neither was worth it.

The best holiday release is undoubtedly *California Suite* stuffed full of Neil Simon's wittiest dialogue to date. Comprised of four vignettes, the best two display the highly versatile dramatic and comedic talents of Alan Alda, Jane Fonda, Maggie Smith, and Michael Caine. Of the pair, Ms. Smith as a marquee queen and Caine her bisexual husband draw big with aces high. Heartrending as it is humorous, their duet will probably be the most brilliant piece of acting any of us will see this year.

Also playing in one of the local theatres is *The Boys from Brazil* which at best is a rather turgid pot-boiler about elderly Nazis running around South America dedicated to furthering the ninety odd clones of *der Führer*. Gregory Peck, Sir Laurence "Remember The Betsy" Olivier and James Mason do an admirable job of publicly embarrassing their distinguished careers by appearing in "Brazil."

The movie portrays Peck as one Dr. Joseph Mengele, the Death Angel of Auschwitz, who runs around the

world hedging no bets on creating another Bavarian corporal. His arch-foe Liebermann (Olivier) has apparently forgotten his past screen performance as the mad Nazi dentist in *Marathon Man* and grants him no quarter. Well, believe me, the book is much better.

Finally, because I like to save such items for the butt end of my column, who is Richard Mark Crampton and why is he saying those terrible things about me?

You might remember Mr. Crampton's letter last issue taking me to task for an earlier review of *The Wild Geese*. According to Mr. Crampton, an obvious aficionado of war and destruction, "The Wild Geese" was well written, well cast, the photography was excellent as was the whole damn movie! God, Crampton, I feel so sorry for you. Richard Burton hasn't honestly earned his wages since *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*. Sir, there is just no comparison. Also, Mr. Crampton, if you promise never again to make light of my drinking habits, I, in turn, will never hold you in disdain for being an up against the wall major. Peace, brother.

Opryland, USA, schedules tryout in St. Louis for staff positions

An audition team from Opryland U.S.A., music entertainment complex, will be in St. Louis next Thursday holding auditions for singers and dancers, instrumentalists, and technicians needed for the music theme park's 15 live music shows next season and their new resident theatre company.

The St. Louis auditions are the closest for Missouri Southern students.

Open auditions will be held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Webster College

in the Old Auditorium in the Main Administration Building, 470 East Lockwood.

The audition staff, which includes the park's choreographer, musical director and show directors, will be looking for 450 singers, instrumentalists, dancers, dance captains, actors, and musical leaders/conductors. In addition to performers, they will be looking for experienced stage managers, lighting technicians, sound engineers, stage hands, follow spot operators, and costume dressers.



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